

Week Ending: August 11, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 11, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting hay, corn, and corn silage and spraying fields. Scattered thunderstorms have helped pastures and crops, but delayed some harvesting efforts. Soil moisture is 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Item	Event	Progress in Percentages				Conditions in Percentages				
		This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	99	94	98	93					
	Dent	85	77	81	73					
	Mature	41	19	41	37	2	8	28	53	9
	Harvested	5	---	4	6					
	Silage Hvstd	68	42	46	48					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	100	100	97	1	5	23	50	21
	Open Bolls	11	1	5	3					
Rice	Heading	88	81	87	70	0	6	23	60	11
	Mature	9	0	2	6					
Sorghum	Heading	97	95	96	91					
	Turning Color	81	59	60	58	0	3	22	52	23
	Mature	33	---	15	22					
	Silage harvested	25	---	16	21					
Soybeans	Blooming	94	87	92	79					
	Setting pods	80	69	70	52	1	5	24	54	16
	Turning Color	13	---	6	4					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	78	72	80	78	3	13	30	47	7
Peaches	Harvested	92	90	89	94	1	56	25	16	2
Watermelons	Harvested	88	79	87	85	0	13	31	52	4
Peanuts						0	0	13	60	27
Sweetpotatoes						2	3	22	54	19
Cattle						1	6	22	61	10
Pasture						3	7	34	46	10

### County Agent Comments

"Hay producers are harvesting higher quality and increased yields since the rains started. Late planted soybeans have really improved recently. The upward surge in cattle prices brought calves to market this week. Silage harvesting is producing good yields with excellent quality."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rain continues to help pasture and hay producers. Plant bugs and boll weevils are beginning to increase in cotton. Most of the corn is beginning to mature."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Producers finally have standing hay but can't get it harvested due to rain. Pastures are looking better."

— Perry D. Kimbrough, Clay County

"Farmers continue to harvest hay — yields have significantly increased since recent rains. The corn crop is close to being mature."

— Mike Skipper, Winston County

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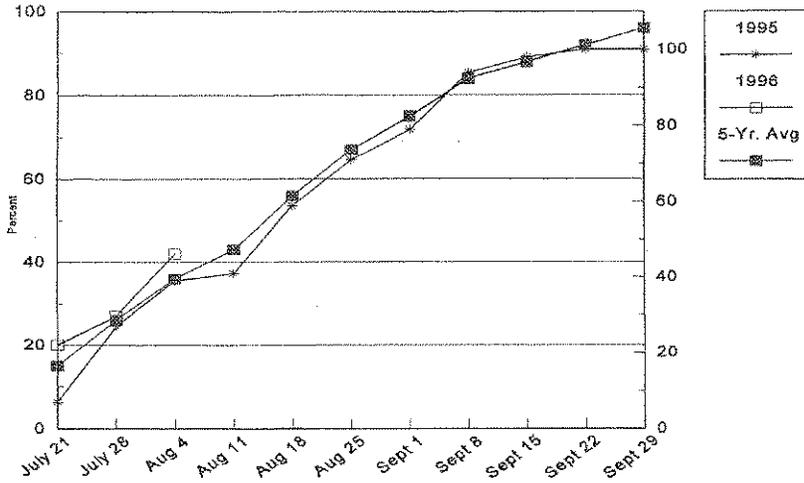
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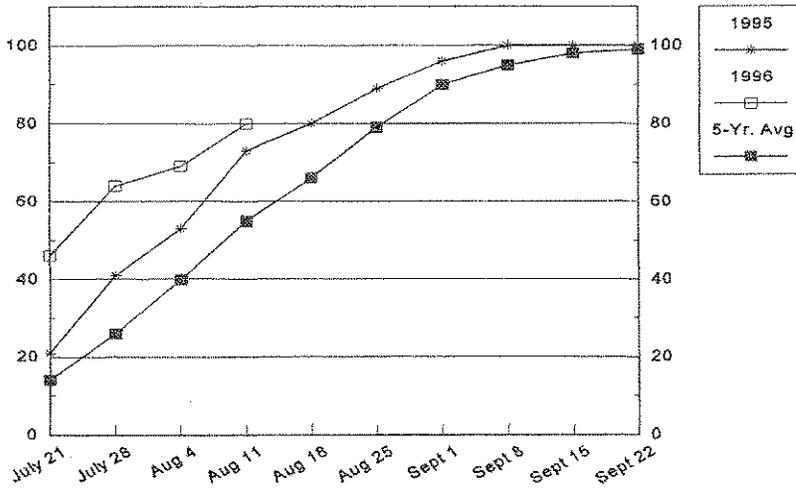
Note: Weather Data Is Not Available This Week

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### Percent Corn Harvested Silage



### Percent Soybeans Setting Pods



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